FIRST SET OF DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO BOSTON GAS COMPANY, COLONIAL GAS COMPANY AND ESSEX GAS COMPANY D/B/A KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY NEW ENGLAND

D.T.E. 04-62

Respondent: Ann Leary

<u>Information Request DTE 1-41</u>

- Q. Refer to Exhibit KED/AEL-3(b). Demonstrate that the proposed increase in the CGA tariffs for Essex customers is consistent with the ten-year rate freeze ordered by the Department in <u>Eastern-Essex Acquisition</u>, D.T.E. 98-27 at 21.
- A. The ten-year rater freeze approved by the Department in D.T.E. 98-27 applies only to costs recovered through base rates and not to amounts recovered through the CGA.